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STATE CHAMPS. The powerlifting team poses for a photograph after winning the state powerlifting meet. Team members set various state records at the meet, which was held March 2. See the full story on page 6.

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Graduate students join school for student teaching experience

Marissa Tran
Entertainment Co-Editor

Students may have noticed the tall, bearded man in flannel and Mr. Whiting's partner in crime... But who are these two guys *really*?

Mr. Xavier Pastrano, a former O'Gorman graduate from the class of 2004, and Mr. Byron Williams are O'Gorman's newest student teachers.

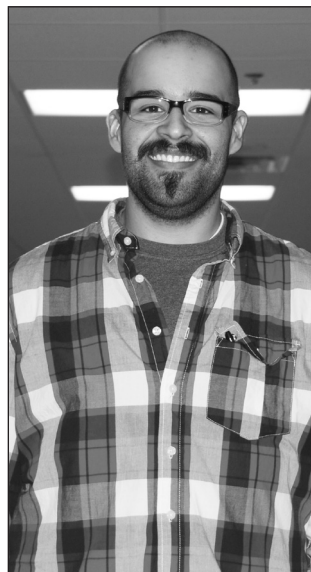
What Pastrano and Williams have in common is that both are currently enrolled in the same masters program for education at the Univer-

sity of Sioux Falls.

Before enrolling in the program at USF, Williams attended Dakota Wesleyan University, where he majored in history and political science.

Pastrano attended Southwest Minnesota State University where he got a Bachelor's Degree in creative writing, and minored in theater. Pastrano then went to the University of North Dakota where he got his Master's Degree in English.

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Xavier Pastrano



Byron Williams

Scheels undergoes overhaul, expansion

Kyle Scholten
Sports Co-Editor

South Dakota's largest sporting goods store will be undergoing a change in the coming months. With many new sporting goods stores coming to Sioux Falls, Scheels will be offering many features to try to set it apart.

Scheels will be providing many new features once these renovations are finished.

One of their most ambitious projects includes a 45 foot tall Ferris wheel placed in the center of the store.

In addition to this ambitious project, the store will have many different sport simulators including golf, hunting, basketball, football, and baseball.

"There will be something for all ages," said shoe-specialist Tyler Gerdes.

The store will also be more spacious as they expand the store and move things around for visual appearance.

"I'm excited for the new Scheels expansion. Although, I think the Ferris wheel is pointless," said sophomore Reece Mimmack.

With this expansion, there will be more room in the store for other amenities. These amenities include a Starbucks and a new deli and fudge shop named GrammaGinnas.

"There will be many new job opportunities for people looking for a job not centered on sporting goods," said Gerdes. "This will allow Scheels to have a much more rounded staff and create a place that everyone can enjoy."

During this renovation Scheels will remain open until the expansion is done in 2014. The store stresses will be no effect on store hours or any part of this sporting goods superstore.

O'Gorman to host first choir competition

Sam Breske
Staff Writer

O'Gorman is hosting its first annual Just Sing It choir contest on April 6.

Ten choirs from parts of South Dakota and Minnesota are planning on competing.

"It's a brand new thing," said senior concert choir member Thomas Motz. "I think it will be a great experience for all competitors because we get to see

other people who are enthusiastic about music from all over the area."

O'Gorman choir students will be working at the event by hosting groups, hosting judges, and doing other various tasks.

O'Gorman concert choir will be performing at the end of the night as well.

Choral Director Cathy Britton is coordinating the event. "There is nothing quite like this animal," said Britton.

Unlike most local choir competitions that include both singing and dancing, Just Sing It will be purely a display of vocal talent, as performances will only be judged by how well they sound.

There will be three classes competing in this event - AA, A, and B. A winner and second place team will be chosen from each event.

"The choirs will be scored as 'Gold', 'Silver', or 'Bronze,'" explained Britton. "Every team will

receive a plaque, but only the first and second place finishers will receive trophies."

While competition is a major aspect of the event, Britton cannot understate its educational importance.

"It's all about education," said Britton. "That's why we have the contest - to get the students motivated."

Britton has enlisted only the best music educators and clinicians from around the tri-state

area to serve as both judges and teachers.

The event is designed to help give choirs the opportunity to both compete and improve.

Britton emphasized the opportunity.

"We offer 40 minute clinic sessions with top-notch music educators for each team to take advantage of. Other choir competitions don't do that. That's what makes Just Sing It special."

Pastrano, Williams complete practicum

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Pastrano is teaching two sections of sophomore English Speech, College Speech, and two sections of English IV.

"Teaching at O'Gorman has been a lot of fun on different levels," says Pastrano. "Coming back to O'Gorman as a teacher rather than a student has been a great experience."

Williams also had nothing but good things to say about his teaching experience at O'Gorman.

"Students here actually participate in discussions," says Williams. "It's great to see the students so ready to interact in class."

Williams is currently teaching World History and Government.

When Pastrano isn't teaching, he's working at Coffea Roasterie and Espresso bar making drinks with intricate coffee art. Pastrano is also in a bluegrass band named High Wine, in which he plays the guitar, banjo, and the harmonica.

On William's down time he enjoys watching the popular show The Office, and playing disc golf.

Both Pastrano and Williams hope to continue teaching at either the high school or college levels.

Student game attendance drops as basketball team struggles

Ben Rogers
Opinion Co-Editor

This year the O'Gorman boys basketball team found out how it feels to have the stands half full at home games.

This basketball season the games have seen a decrease in the number of fans that OG is accustomed to.

"I went to every football game that was in the city, but I only went to three-fourths of a game this year for basketball," said Junior Sam Olson. "I came in the second quarter and stayed for the rest of the game."

The loyalty of sports fans may depend on school support or a losing record.

"I wouldn't blame school support; I just think that since a good number of the basketball team was underclassmen, instead of a band of seniors, that not many upperclassmen went," said Olson.

"I think there is no place in the game for bandwagoners. It just ruins the sport," said junior Jake Niedringhaus.

A bandwagoner is someone who decides to root for a team when they are on a winning streak or have just won a major event.

Olson also said that the record had a lot to do with how many games he went to this year.

"I definitely would have gone to more games if they had a better record. And also if more upperclassman went because then it is more of an outing and more fun," said Olson.

In tough seasons a team will lose some fans.

"It was weird being a junior and being practically on the first row," said Olson.

In the case of basketball, fans have been treated to winning season after winning season as the Knights rattled off three straight state titles.

And so when a tough year comes along like this one some fans tend to go MIA

"I don't understand how when a team has a tough season, their fans just abandon them. It doesn't feel right," said junior Max Boyum.

Fanhoo can sometimes be associated with how hard someone cheers or if they know everyone on the team, or how much they know about the team's history, but Boyum says a fan can be anyone who goes to the game and cheers their team on to victory.

"I didn't feel a sense of school pride in our basketball team this year like in years past," said Olson. "But I believe the future looks bright for O'G as the underclassman will mature and hopefully return to winning ways."

This may have been a challenging season but Boyum isn't worried.

"One bad season doesn't mean the world is ending. These things go in cycles. Soon we will be back on top," said Boyum.

The Knights showed some signs of improvement at the end of the season as they beat Washington and played a close game against Roosevelt in the first game of districts.

"I thought they started to play some better basketball near the end of the season, and thusly more students started to show up," said Boyum.

As a team's record improves, so does their fan base. When O'Gorman basketball was winning three straight titles, the student section was large and supportive.

"The crowd plays large role in the game. A team can really feed off of the crowd's energy," said junior forward Tommy Entwistle.

When the Summit League Championship was played at the arena the Jackrabbit crowd was loud and encouraging towards the Jacks.

But then when the Jacks traveled to Michigan to play in their first round game of the NCAA National Tournament against the Michigan Wolverines they were the team with the large number of fans.

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Friends, family remember student

Haley Heiberger
Co-Editor

After a lifelong battle with health complications, Jason Aaron Peters, known as J.P., passed away.

Peters lived to be twelve-years-old, a sixth grade student at St. Mary's Elementary School.

Peters spent his life battling a multitude of health problems he had continuously encountered since birth.

Despite any health complications, J.P. was active and loved living life to the fullest, his moth-

er Deanna Peters said in a recent interview.

Peters passed away on Saturday Feb. 16, 2013. After a long weekend off of school, students at St. Mary's returned to a school with a different atmosphere.

On Feb. 19, students and staff gathered together during the school day to pray for J.P. and his family.

Anyone traveling to the elementary school's campus would most likely see a student proudly wearing a green frog on his white polo.

The frogs all bore the letters

"JP," and he was remembered by his friends, teachers and classmates through his favorite animal.

Later that evening, friends and family gathered together for the wake and visitation. The funeral service was to follow, at St. Mary's Church on Wednesday, Feb. 20.

Memorials have been mentioned to the Sioux Falls Catholic Schools System in honor of J.P. Peters.

"I remember in elementary school, we would always take the time to pray for J.P. and his

family," said senior and former St. Mary's student Alison Hasvold. "Almost everyone who went to St. Mary's knew about J.P. and prayed for him."

"I attend the same parish as his family, and people really come together in prayer for the Peters family," said junior Bekah Ridder.

Peters was active and involved at school, and he had a great impact on the people he met. The Sioux Falls Catholic Schools and St. Mary's Elementary communities will forever remember J.P. Peters.



J.P. Peters

Cardinals elect pope during conclave

Haley Heiberger
Co-Editor

On March 13, 2013 conclave came to a close and the Catholic Church received its new pope.

Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, now known to the world as Pope Francis, is the newest successor of St. Peter, as well as his predecessor Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.

After Pope Benedict XVI became the first pope to resign in nearly 600 years, Pope Francis became the first of many other things in the Catholic Church.

"I was happy about the fact that he was from a different place and that he chose a new name," said senior Bethany Claussen.

From Argentina, Pope Francis is the first pope from the Americas and the first Jesuit to be pope.

Also unlike any of his predecessors, Pope Francis chose his name after St. Francis of Assisi.

"I'm so excited to have such a humble man as our pope," said sophomore Mary Motz.

When Pope Francis was announced as the newest successor of St. Peter, he wore only white, unlike his predecessors.

Through his name, words and actions, Pope Francis has made it clear to the world his message of humility.

During holy week, Pope Francis said Holy Thursday Mass in a prison chapel. Catholics can expect Church doctrine to stay unchanged; however, Pope Francis has already proved to be a pope of many firsts.

"I look forward to seeing what Pope Francis will do with his papacy," said Motz.

Diocese plans trip abroad

Haley Heiberger
Co-Editor

In June, almost 40 members of the Diocese of Sioux Falls will travel to Italy for a pilgrimage.

The trip will go from June 9-18, during which the group will visit a variety of sites.

"Our pilgrimage will consist of traveling to three main sites along with stopping at various others sites along the way," said the Diocese's director of youth ministries and catechesis Eric Gallagher. "The main sites will include Rome, San Giovanni and Assisi. Other things we hope to see along the way are the Eucharistic Miracle in Lanciano, an apparition site of St. Michael, and the House of Loreto."

Each of the sites on the trip schedule bears a significant connection to the Catholic faith. Unlike a vacation, the trip is intended to be a faith-building experience.

"A pilgrimage is a physical journey that represents a spiritual journey. Although there will be fun and enjoyable moments, if each pilgrim does go with the intent of growing in their relationship with Christ there are incredible graces that come with a pilgrimage of faith," said Gallagher.

This is not a first-time endeavor for the Diocese of Sioux Falls.

In the past, the Diocese and other parishes within it have organized pilgrimages to World Youth Day, as well as both international mission trips and trips within the United States.

The group traveling consists of both adults and youth, including three O'Gorman students.

Sophomore Mary Motz and juniors Bekah Ridder and Alexis Soldatke will participate in the pilgrimage.

"I heard about the trip at Discipleship

Camp from Eric and I immediately wanted to go," said sophomore Mary Motz.

Motz also expressed her interest in visiting St. Peter's in Italy. "I've been to Italy once before when I was younger," said Motz. "I can't wait to go now because I will be more able to take in the whole experience."

"I am most excited to visit Assisi," said junior Alexis Soldatke. "It's especially interesting since our new Pope chose his name after St. Francis of Assisi."

The sites the group will visit hold many connections to the Catholic Church's history.

It is my desire that the youth are able to fall more deeply in love with the Church," said Gallagher. "My hope is that the youth would come back with a greater appreciation for their home parish and a greater love for the Sacraments."

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Leads Seth Pierce and Nic Steffl practice a number from *The Drowsy Chaperone*.

Spring musical takes off with *The Drowsy Chaperone*

Carolyn Frederick
Entertainment Co-Editor

This year's spring musical is taking a dramatic twist in putting on a newer musical called *The Drowsy Chaperone*.

The show is narrated by a middle-aged man obsessed with theater. He goes on to tell the audience a story of a young woman with the name of Janet Van de Graaff.

"It is a fantastic show sure to keep the audience rolling in their seats with laughter start to finish," said

Alexis Kosiak, who plays Van de Graaff.

The cast and crew dedicate a lot of their time every day after school to make this play a success.

"It's quite a time commitment but it is definitely worth it," said Kosiak.

The production of *The Drowsy Chaperone* will be opening on April 23 at 7 p.m. There is a total of five performances held over a long weekend.

"We don't have school

on Friday so it's a great opportunity for students who don't want to be out to late on a school night for Thursday's performance," said Meghan Kunkel.

Unlike past years this year's musical will only run for one weekend instead of two.

"We work hard each spring to establish the reputation that whatever we produce, it is going to be solid from start to finish," said musical director Teresa Fester.

Classes trimmed from curriculum next school year

Classes could return in future if course enrollment increases

Leah Billion
Co-Editor

At the end of each year, class registration dictates the master class schedule for the following school year.

Four year plans made by students determine what classes and how many sections of each class will be offered.

"Registration is critical," says Assistant Principal and Guidance Counselor Art Hagg. "If too few students sign up for a course, it cannot be offered."

In the 2013-2014 school year classes such as AP Biology, Drama II, Nutrition and Healthy Lifestyles, and Career Exploration will not be available due to numbers.

"It was disappointing to find out," says junior Rachel Staudenmier, who had signed up for AP Biology. "I'll have to rearrange my schedule, but guidance will be a big help with that."

The unoffered classes vary year by year. However, the courses are always

reoffered the following school years.

Students who had put certain classes into their four year plans are unhappy with the bad news, but always understand.

"We try to help students replace these classes with other required courses, and hopefully their desired class will be offered the next year," says Hagg.

The inability to offer classes is nobody's fault but causes inconvenience for both students and administration.

Factors such as changing state academic requirements can play into the final master schedule as well.

As required courses change, students must tailor design their four year plans around certain courses.

With each year, O'Gorman hopes to offer all the classes that students want to take.

"I hope that I can find another time to take Drama II and stay involved," says freshman Juan Rivera.

Students learn about culture from international students

Kayler Nelson
Staff Writer

International Club is an interactive way for Students at O'Gorman to immerse themselves into different cultures without even taking a step off of American soil.

"We have International Club to help bring more diversity to the O'Gorman community," said Frau Kristin Kuchenbecker, head of International Club.

International students at O'Gorman are responsible for preparing a presentation, a snack and an activity to help teach the differences of their culture.

"It's a good way for our international students to teach," said Kuchenbecker. "It's a larger audience than just the hallway."

In addition to the educational benefit International Club provides, it's also an outlet for international students to become more comfortable in the United States.

"International Club is great be-



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International club members decorate face masks and eat Latin American snacks in celebration of Carnival.

cause I can feel comfortable with people who are in the same position as me, and I like teaching other kids about my culture," said Maria Diaz, international student from Venezuela. "It's impor-

tant for American kids to understand how people live in other cultures."

Attendance for international club has been holding steady this year and hopes are high for continued growth.

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Knights look for repeat title

Team notches first win with victory over St. Thomas More

Samantha Lenz
Opinion Co-Editor

The Knights emerged as the state champions last year after a 15 win season. With a deep senior class leading the way, the Knights hope to make another run for the state champion title.

"Our expectation is to compete with every team we play and to go on to defend our region and state titles," said senior Derek Feige.

With this new season comes a change in staff. The team will now be led by head coach Mark Houck. Originally from Derby, N.Y., Houck decided to attend Peru State College in southeastern Nebraska. There he received first team all conference while breaking four offensive records and receiving the Bert Swanson athlete of the year award.

Prior to coming to O'Gorman, coach Houck was the assistant coach at Peru State and primarily worked with hitters and outfielders. In 2012 Houck helped coach the team to their first ever conference championship.

With his love for baseball on and off the field Houck applied for the coaching position at O'Gorman.

"I thought it would be a great opportunity to become a head coach of a well known high school," said Houck.

The practices thus far have allowed the players to get to know their new coach and his techniques toward the game.

"Houck brings immense experience and knowledge with him," said Feige. "He should be able to work with us to help us achieve all of our goals for this season."

In spite of losing a large group of senior starters the team has reloaded with new potential.



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Senior shortstop Derek Feige fields a ground ball at the Metrodome during a game against St. Thomas More.

"I feel honored to get the opportunity to repeat what last year's team did. There is no doubt in my mind we have the right players to do it again," said Houck. "O'Gorman has always had a lot of talent and a rich history of winning so I plan on bringing that same attitude to the field."

The Knights began their season with scrimmage games in Minneapolis, Minn. against the St. Thomas More Cavaliers. They were presented with the opportunity to play their opening games in the Metrodome, former home of the Minnesota Twins.

In game one the Knights were led by a strong pitching performance by Derek Feige. Feige pitched five strong innings before being relieved by senior Nate Lenz. The Knights came away with a 3-1 win.

"It was a blast to finally play some live games and have the opportunity to play in the Me-

trodome," said junior Jaden Holzer. "Our pitchers did a great job throwing strikes, but our bats were kind of asleep."

The next day the Knights struggled at the plate and were only able to score two runs. Junior Justin Kautz represented the team on the mound. Kautz only gave up one run during his three innings of work. In spite of this the Knights dropped this game by a score of 7-2.

"Both teams struggled to put runs together. We actually had a lot of guys on base that we couldn't drive in," said Kautz. "That's something that will improve as the year goes on."

On March 26 the Knights planned to open up their home season with a rematch of the state championship game against their west side rivals Roosevelt. Due to weather the games were cancelled. Even though weather didn't permit the game, coming into the season Roosevelt appears to be the

team to beat.

"It always seems to be an interesting game when we play them," said Holzer. "We are expecting the same this time around."

This week the Knights will take their annual trip to Las Vegas where they will be tested against teams already a few games into their season.

"We just need to realize that the teams we are facing are just high school kids," said Houck. "If we pump the strike zone and make our plays, I feel that our bats will handle the rest."

In the past few years the Knights have just missed the playoff round of this tournament. This year they hope to advance past this.

"We will see some good competition down there that will prepare us for the rest of the season," said Holzer.

To prepare for this tournament the team has been practicing the fundamentals with fielding drills, and hitting off of live pitchers in the cages to try and get a realistic look of what it will be like outdoors.

"In my eyes our fundamentals on defense and offense make us capable of going out there and beating every team but it is just a matter of putting it all together," said Houck.

From the fundamentals to the attitude on the field the Knights have high expectations to contend for a second consecutive state title.

"I feel our team has a pretty good winning mentality and they understand how to win," said Houck. "That is something you cannot really teach players."

The Knights will return to play the Brookings Bobcats April 8 at Harmodon field.

Senior wrestlers compete at state

Kyle Scholten
Sports Co-Editor

The epitome of wrestling came with the start of the 2013 boys state wrestling tournament. Two of the Knights' senior leaders, Conor Tomac and Jack Schuver, made it to this finale.

There are two days in the South Dakota State Wrestling Tournament. In most cases, to get to the second day, or placing day, one has to win two matches before one loses two.

Tomac finished sixth overall. In his first match, Tomac was narrowly defeated. Tomac then bounced back and won his next three matches. After his comeback run, Tomac lost his next match in the last two seconds.

"My last match was different," said Tomac. "It was weird knowing this was my last match after wrestling for so many years."

Tomac then won his next two matches and ended with a loss - earning him a respectful sixth place.

In Schuver's first match, he face off against Josh Hunt from Douglas County. Schuver lost the match but then won his next two matches against Harrisburg and Aberdeen Central.

The next day, Schuver wrestled to get into the third/fourth or the fifth/sixth matches. He lost, but he was able to wrestle for seventh/eighth place. Schuver won the match finishing seventh.

"It was surreal," said Schuver. "It was my last match. But it was a really happy occasion after because my family and all the coaches were there. It was euphoric."

Powerlifters take state

Pierce Edman
Sports Co-Editor

O'Gorman Powerlifters took a huge step this season. In addition to winning state, they also broke countless state records.

Senior Michael Reichelt achieved multiple state records. He squatted 700 pounds and totaled 1,725, both state records, with those scores Reichelt was able to gain first place in the State Meet.

Second place was awarded

to Dylan Lechter from Roosevelt followed by Peter Nebben from Dell Rapids, Jack Lembcke from Roosevelt and Joe Sandoval from Brandon Valley finishing out the top five.

Lechter, who was the closest to Reichelt, squatted 555, benched 350, and dead lifted 505 which totaled to 1410. Reichelt blew away his competition with his total of 1,725.

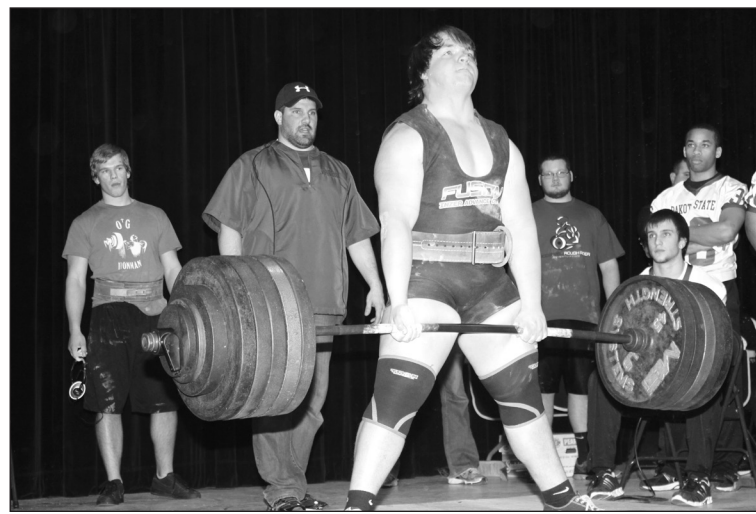
"I have accomplished everything that I wanted to this season," said Reichelt. "I got to go

to worlds and all that fun stuff. Overall it was a great season."

Reichelt is competing one final match before the end of the year.

Multiple Lady Knights also achieved state records at the state meet this season. Senior Klarissa Kobernusz received first place and the title of Outstanding Female Lifter.

Kobernusz squatted 300 lbs., benched 125 lbs., and deadlifted 335 lbs.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Senior Michael Reichelt deadlifts during the state powerlifting meet. Reichelt lifted a total of 1,725 pounds, a new state record.

Lady Knights claim seventh at state tourney

Samantha Lenz
Opinion Co-Editor

After dropping their first two games in the state tournament, the Lady Knights went on to claim seventh place.

The Lady Knights began their state tournament appearance with a game against the Washington Warriors. The final score was 52-40 with Washington on top. Sophomore Kate Cartwright led the Lady Knights with 12 points.

"We gave Washington a great battle in our first round state tournament," said coach Kent Kolsrud. "The girls gave great effort and played really well."

Rapid City Central was the next team to face the Lady Knights. Backed by a strong 15 point eight rebound effort by Jess Mieras, the Lady Knights ultimately fell to the Cobblers 56-48.

"We always played our hardest until the very end but it just didn't turn out the way we planned," said junior Paige Leafstedt.

The final game of the state tournament for the Lady Knights was a matchup with the Sturgis Scoopers. Junior Claire Howes led the team with nine points and 11 rebounds. The Lady Knights' strong team performance result-

ed in a 46-23 win.

"It was great to finish the season on a win with a big victory over Sturgis," said coach Kolsrud.

The Lady Knights ended the year with a 12 win regular season.

"The girls really improved throughout the year and we were playing our best basketball at the end."

Finishing off her final season was senior Allie Kneip. She was the second on the team in rebounds and assists.

"Allie provided us with excellent senior leadership that will be greatly missed," said Kolsrud.

Kneip was not only recognized on the court but also as a beloved team member.

"Allie was honestly the best senior that we could ask for. She is a role model on and off the court," said Cartwright. "I am going to miss her so much next year."

Now that the season has ended the team looks forward to what will come next year.

"We can't wait until next season to have another opportunity to play with the same underclassmen," said Leafstedt.

"The girls really improved throughout the year and we were playing our best basketball at the end."

Golfers aiming to win fourth straight title

Marissa Tran
Entertainment Co-Editor

After winning the state championship three years in a row, the Lady Knights are ready for the new season.

The Knights are setting the bar high, looking to get that challenging four-peat.

"We have three goals for the season," says senior leader and returning varsity member Claire Jansa. "We want to get the city, conference, and state championship titles."

The Knights have faced a tough loss of three starting seniors: Michaela Kouri, Kirsti Skuza and Ali Rausch.

"Reconnecting the team after losing our seniors will be really important," says sophomore Kelsey Johnson. "I'm just really excited to start the season with

new members and see how this season will play out."

This season's team will be fairly young with new members Lydia Anderson, Jami Bennett and Katie Haverly.

There are also two new transfers to the team, Meredith Turner from Brandon Valley, and Myla Brown from Roosevelt.

The team does, however, return some varsity players from last year's line up: senior Claire Jansa and sophomore Kelsey Johnson.

The main focus this year for the Knights is the team.

"It's all about the team," says Jansa. "If we think of playing for the team, the individual places will follow."

The golf season for the Knights starts on March 11, and goes until the end of the school year.

Track team battles weather, has high hopes for season

Ben Rogers
Opinion Co-Editor

With each spring comes the promise of a new track season, and the high hopes that the athletes bring with them to the track.

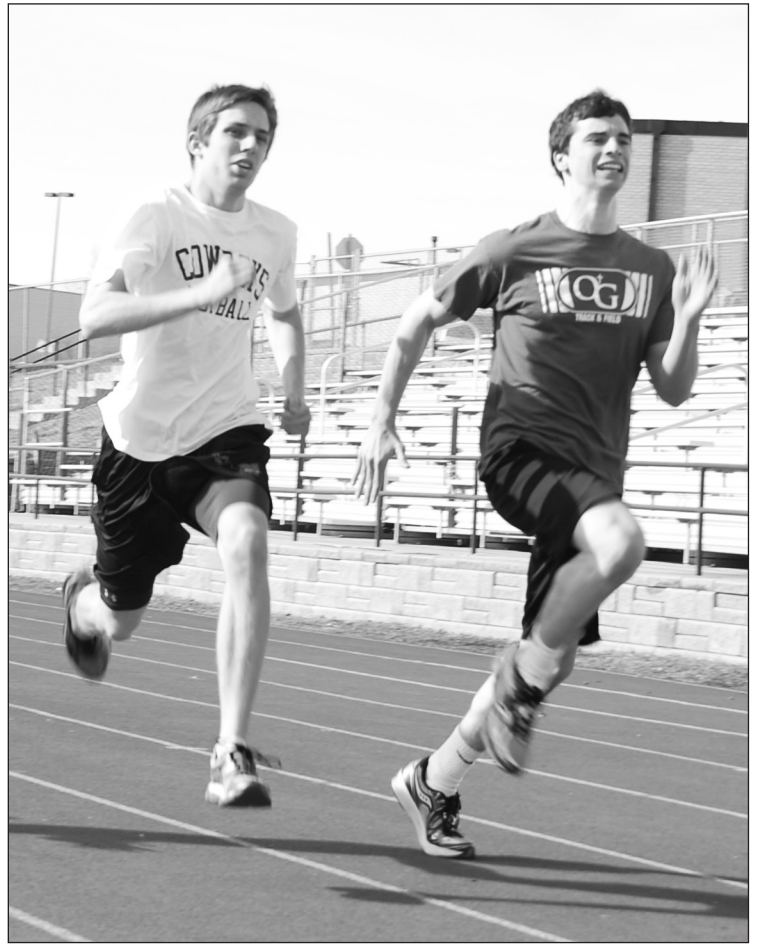
The O'Gorman track team will get underway with their season this month. They will look to blend their senior leadership and young talent to fulfill their goals. "We are a school that counts on kids from all grades; it's just great to see all these kids working really hard," said Mr. Doug Lindner, head coach.

This year the Knights will look to defend their home turf as McEneaney Field hosts this year's GDC event. "The GDC has had a great tradition throughout the years, and it is a great honor to finally host it at our complex," said Lindner.

Lindner is optimistic about this year's team as key players are coming back. "With our returning letter winners back and a great group of new kids in all grades this could be one of our strongest years yet."

The Washington Warriors will be a tough team to beat as they look to defend their state title. "Washington will always be fast. They are one of the best teams in the state," said junior Chris Sharpe.

Lindner feels that the entire city will be stiff competition. "For the boys, the Sioux Falls schools and Brandon Valley will be really strong," said Lindner, "And for the girls, those schools along with Watertown and Aberdeen each look really good."



CAROLYN FREDERICK \ KNIGHT SCROLL

Senior Alex Williams and Junior Chris Sharpe train for the 2013 track season. The Knights' season began on Monday March 25.

This year Sharpe is looking to build off of his performances last year. "I want to qualify for state in an open event like the 200 or 400," said Sharpe. "But it would be fun to qualify in a relay event, too."

There will be some obstacles that the team will have to hurdle this year though. "With a track team that is smaller compared to some other schools it is hard to have multiple qualifiers in relays and open events because of the amount of people that have to

run both," said Sharpe.

On March 25 the Knights headed down to Vermillion with a few varsity runners to compete in the Dan Lennon Relays. The meet included teams from South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska.

"We did decent at the meet. We could have done better but it is not a horrible start to the season," said Sharpe.

The Knights hope to keep improving this year and perform well at the state meet.

Knights tennis team prepares to come back after last season

Carolyn Frederick
Entertainment Co-Editor

The Knights look to get back on top after their second place finish last year.

Three of the four varsity members graduated last year. Accompanying last year's varsity member junior Tommy Entwistle is senior Ben Czarnecki.

The open spots will have to be filled by the younger grades. "They will be filled most likely by sophomores and freshmen. They are good players, just young," said

coach Don Barnes.

Last year Tommy was named the champion of the second flight of singles and the first flight of doubles. "We are a young team that hopes to get better throughout the season and hopes to win it in the end," said Entwistle.

This year the Knights have a young team and are being forced to fill four spots starting from the number three spot and going to the number six spot.

"We're looking for another good year, despite having graduated two seniors; we would be

disappointed if we were not in the title hunt again," said Barnes.

Their practice schedule consists of a combination of drills, conditioning, and inter team competition.

"We are young and inexperienced at the bottom flights, but we will get better with experience," said Entwistle.

Their toughest competition consists of Rapid City Stevens and Watertown.

The Knights opened up their season by facing St. Thomas More on March 23.

Sony unveils new details for console

Mark Yeager
Activities Co-Editor

To the surprise of many eager PlayStation fans, Sony revealed details regarding their new console, without actually showing their console. Sony showed the potential of the console and answered many questions regarding rumors that had been circling online.

The console reveal managed to be successful overall, even though no console was actually revealed. Sony did however show off their new, capable controller, namely the DualShock 4, that is bringing many new features to the table.

Some new features include a touchpad, motion control and a light bar, which is to be used for means of identification (player 1, player 2, etc.).

The light bar is important in that it takes advantage of the PlayStation Eye Camera which follows neon colors to allow from motion-based gaming.

Senior Kier Currier is a PlayStation 3 user and a fan of Sony brand games.

"I think the console looks interesting and I look forward to its release," said Currier. "However I don't plan on picking it up until they make a new version of the console, just as they did with the PlayStation 3."

Another new feature is the share button that allows a user to share content with their friends. Some ways that content can be shared is by streaming

and recording.

Offering a share option will allow users to share their favorite moments in games with all of their friends.

Sony made a big point of their Sony exclusive titles that will be released with or soon after the system.

A new installation in the popular *inFAMOUS* series and another *Killzone* were among the console exclusives. Another large game announcement was made in *Destiny*, the newest game from popular developers Bungie of the popular *Halo* series.

Some students are unsure about the new system.

Senior Mason Walker is an avid PlayStation 3 user and does not plan on picking up a PS4.

"I feel as though with all the change that I will be experiencing while going to college a new console will be just too distracting," said Walker. "I might end up getting it down the line, but not until they show some games that I really want."

The reveal has been met with mixed feelings.

Some fans are excited for a new console that has been announced to cost only as much as the most recent version of the PS3, while many feel doubt in a few aspects that the reveal was lacking in.

The PlayStation 4 has been slated for a release in the holiday season of 2013.

More PlayStation 4 information is due during the E3 conference on June 11-12, 2013.



PRESS PHOTO

Macklemore performs "Thrift Shop" at a recent concert on his tour. Macklemore and Ryan Lewis will be coming to the Augustana Elmen Center on April 5.

Macklemore to visit city with stop at Elmen Center

Pierce Edman
Sports Co-Editor

Macklemore and Ryan Lewis have become a national sensation in the past year, and now these celebrities are coming to Sioux Falls. They will be performing at the Augustana Elmen Center on April 5.

"It is nice to finally get a big name to Sioux Falls," said senior David Koch, who plans on attending the concert. "I have been a huge fan of Macklemore for a couple years now and it's cool to see him get some recognition for his work."

The Heist is their most recent album and was released on Oct. 9. Just hours after its release, *The Heist* reached number one on the iTunes top charts. Macklemore

and Lewis worked on this project for three years. This was their second album that they made together. The first was *The VS. Redux* in 2010.

Both of these artists grew up in Seattle, Wash. After five years on his own, Macklemore joined up with Lewis in 2005. He began by taking pictures for Macklemore but then started producing beats for him.

In 2012, Macklemore was on the front cover of the *XXL* Magazine in the Freshman Class of 2012 edition. This is where his career began to take flight.

Lewis had a song of his own on *The Heist* called "BomBom" that had no lyrics, just his beats. Every other song on the album features Macklemore's signature rapping style.

"Thrift Shop" is the top song off of *The Heist*. It has sold more than three million copies and has gone platinum four times.

His other top songs include "Wings", "My Oh My!", "Can't Hold Us" and "Same Love." "Same Love" has also gone platinum in other countries.

"I am really excited about this concert," said senior Benn Davis. "Thrift Shop is a great song but I'm really excited for some of their older songs too."

They started out his tour on March 8 in Utah and are traveling around the country at different universities. The local music group known as Soulcrate will be performing with the duo in Sioux Falls.

The Elmen Center is sold out for this concert.

Tech Review: Wii U provides nice upgrade

Mark Yeager
Activities Co-Editor

On Nov. 18, 2012 a console was released that brought more questions with it than answers. The Wii U is in no way an accessory to be used on the Nintendo Wii, but is in fact an entirely new console itself that shows and holds much promise.

The new console features a tablet as a main controller that allows the user to switch between two different menus each offering their own options and controls.

One of these menus is the impressive new Miiverse, which is a social network

that is integrated directly into the system.

On this menu a user will be able to see what other users are playing and what their thoughts on that application or game is. This is communicated through the tablet as a user can draw or write his opinion and broadcast it to the rest of the Miiverse.

Brian Lawler is a senior and a long time Nintendo fan. "I really want to get a Wii U now that I've gotten to try one out," said Lawler. "The new intuitive controls are responsive and the lineup of games to be coming out next year is very enticing."

Luckily the Miiverse does include a preemptive censoring system, as it is a

family based console, along with penalties for those who try to get around the censoring or try to spoil games.

The Wii U's signature GamePad tablet is incredibly responsive and features not only an integrated controller, full touch screen, and two cameras, but also an accelerometer, a gyroscope, a built in microphone, and two analog sticks.

Nintendo further builds upon its expertise regarding motion gaming with this new console. The Wii U builds upon what has proved successful in the past and adds new features based on the console's enhanced capabilities.

This is especially apparent in the Wii U's HD graphic capability. Finally Nintendo fans can enjoy their entertainment in HD as others have already been able to do for so long.

The console has an extremely impressive lineup of console exclusive titles to be released in the next two years consisting of titles such as *Bayonetta 2*, *Pikmin3*, *Monster Hunter 3 Ultimate*, *The Wonderful 101* and many others that will make good use of the consoles unique capabilities.

The Wii U earns a B+ due to its great potential, fresh ideas and a promising lineup of exclusive titles.

Students clash over app

Mark Yeager
Activities Co-Editor

An app has taken the attention of much of the O'Gorman student body in the form of the social media game Clash of Clans by Supercell.

The game holds similarities to other popular titles such as Farmville and other time-based media games, but adds a twist of teamwork and collaboration.

"C.o.C is a great mind game," says Senior Cole Ohnoutka. "It's all about strategy when playing with Co.C."

Many students have created their own "clans" and are working for the domination of the digital world. The app has been well received by many and some are addicted.

Senior Nic Steffl is a fan of the app and is a member of the clan NICE Empire. "The clan feature is the best part of the game," says Steffl.

The clan feature of the game

adds a mechanic that is not apparent in many other social media games - teamwork.

Being able to work with other players in an online community adds an incentive or motivation to log back on that other games don't have.

Developer Supercell is a Finnish game development company. It is known for its debut game Gunshine.net and has decided to aim its efforts toward creating intuitive social games.

Senior Jay Hanlon is an avid user of the app. "It's a fun and easy way to use up your time when you're bored," says Hanlon.

Many users are getting addicted to this micro transaction based game and the community is growing as new users join every day.

"Being able to raid and pillage other people's village is one of the better qualities of C.o.C. aka Clash of Clans," says Senior David Koch. "It's addictive quality is what keeps users playing."



MARISSA TRAN / KNIGHT SCROLL

Senior Cole Ohnoutka plays Clash of Clans on his iPad during free time. The game has become a hit for many students at O'Gorman.

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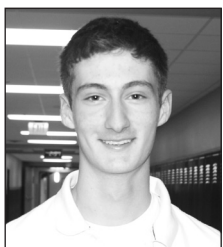
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What is your greatest fear?



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-Lacey Cink



"People with less swag than me."

-Andrew Biggs



"My teeth falling out."

-Hadley Zeigler



"The state of North Dakota."

-Sean Miles



"Spiders"

-Mr. Whiting

Tough to blame student body for attendance dip at games

Staff Editorial

Let the blame game begin.

We saw this year as our valiant Knights couldn't quite live up to the dominating performance they've given us the last few years as they rattled off three straight state titles.

And with that dip in success came a clear dip in student attendance at games.

As the season wore on, and hopes for a fourth straight title dimmed, the student body game presence also dimmed - in a big way.

While disappointing to see, it shouldn't necessarily be shocking. As any team struggles through a season - whether amateur or professional - the fan base often thins out.

But let's not get too eager to accuse our fellow students of being bandwagoners and fair-weathered.

In many area high schools, many students find one or two activities in which to take part. That's clearly not the case at O'Gorman.

Any given student at O'Gorman might be involved in three to four activities at any time. Add a job to that mix and you have one busy high schooler.

There is an overextension problem at O'Gorman that students have trouble admitting to sometimes. But that overextension, which by another name might be dedication, is what makes O'Gorman students so great.

But ask teachers, and they will tell you just how obvious it is the day after a sporting event or concert.

The worn down, tired student is something we all see walking through the hallways every day.

So let's not be too eager to judge our friends and classmates bandwagoners.

On any given night, there are three, four or even five different activities and practices going on.

So before we call out our fellow students as being fickle, let's realize that they have lives as well.



KNIGHT SCROLL

Senior Tyler Pals looks to pass the ball against a Watertown defender at a basketball game earlier this year. The boys basketball team saw a dip in attendance during the season from past years.

Top Ten

O'Gorman Student Trends

1. Back Court Boys
2. Almonds
3. Justin Timberlake
4. Clash of Clans
5. Common Cold
6. Winter Coats in April
7. Open Campus
8. Sack Lunch
9. The Walking Dead
10. Oreos and peanut butter

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Grad hits Boston music scene

Leah Billion
Co-Editor

William “Billy” Baker, of the class of 2010, has taken his musical abilities to Boston, Mass. As a junior at Berklee College of Music, Baker has found his niche as the drummer of the new band Elephant Theory.

Other band members include Max Sergienko on lead guitar and vocals, Jesse Duran-Crelin on bass and vocals, Dean Kiner on rhythm guitar and vocals, and Chelsea Moore on rhythm guitar and vocals.

Elephant Theory was founded when the friends began casually jamming and discovered that they meshed well musically.

“We realized that our musical tastes and abilities clicked quite nicely, and since we already knew that our personalities were similarly compatible, we decided to form a band,” says Baker.

The band’s sound can be described as Danceable Indie-Pop or Indie Rock. With the many unique influences that each band member has on the music, in both writing and performing, Elephant Theory has a very distinct style.

“The thing that makes it unique to us is the fact that it isn’t predetermined. We don’t write songs to fit a particular genre or sound, we just write songs that we like, and we hope that others will enjoy them too,” says Baker.

In the song writing process, all band members collaborate on the ideas of one another.

“Every one of us has a hand in the song-writing process, so even though there is a primary songwriter for each song, we all co-write the final product,” says Baker.

Elephant Theory has had four gigs so far, all receiving positive feedback. They’ve also had a radio appearance on a Boston local radio show and are planning more gigs in the near future.

Elephant Theory is hoping to continue performing professionally in the future.

“A lot of people are hobby musicians, but most of our band members are pursuing a musical college education, and why not do what we love to do as a career?” says Baker.

The band will potentially be releasing an album and going on tours in the next few years.



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O’Gorman grad Billy Baker and fellow Elephant Theory members Chelsea, Jesse, Dean and Max are based out of Boston, Mass. Their upcoming songs will be available on their Bandcamp and Facebook pages.

“The most rewarding thing about performing with my band is knowing that people are enjoying what we are doing, and we enjoy doing it for them,” says Baker.

“It is a part of me, as a co-

creator, so it is very rewarding for me to perform that music and have others enjoy it.”

Elephant Theory’s three-song demo is available at their “Bandcamp” webpage, [www.elephant-](http://www.elephanttheoryma.bandcamp.com)

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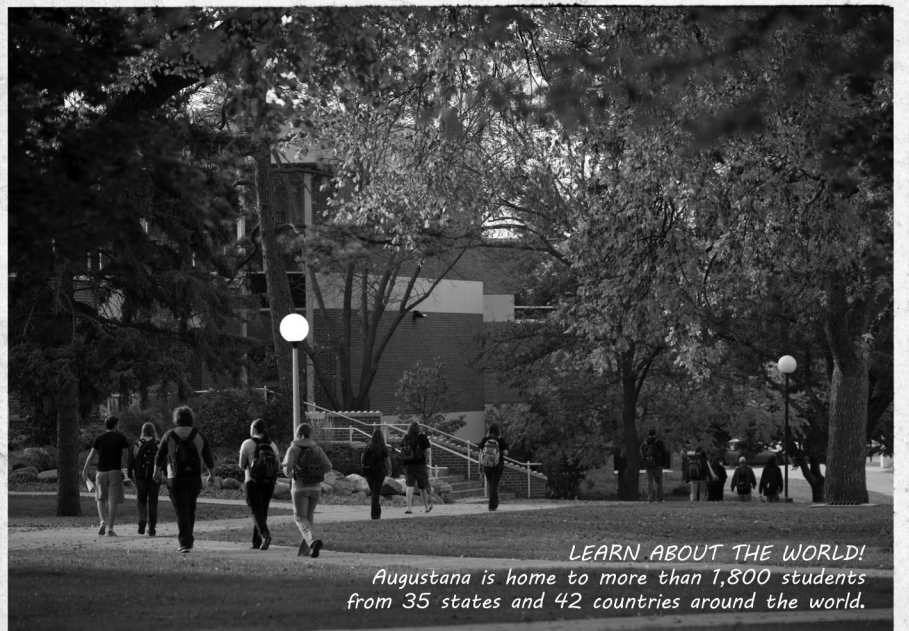
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